

medicine to which you may resort with perfect confidence in times of the greatest peril, that, if anything can, will save your wife and child, and the fee of twenty dollars from the doctor. This is the regular fee in cities, though it is less in the country.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE VENEREAL.—See page 125.

There are four diseases, or rather four names of disease, which are often made fatal in consequence of the name. 1. Venereal. 2. Hydrophobia. 3. Smallpox. 4. Erysipelas. As the remedy is laid down in the Medical Pocket Book, the name is doctored instead of the disease. If a child has a sore ear, and it runs a yellow water, it will spread like fire, as often seen on a pot; and it will inoculate where it touches. While on the child's ear, women call it a canker sore, and there is nothing alarming under this name. Any old woman can cure it. But take the same infection from the ear, and inoculate with it in that part of the body where venereal is seated, and call it venereal, the consequence is the same; and by the same mercurial treatment there would be all the alarming consequences as though the disorder was generated in any other way. Yea, if the patient was well, with the same administration of mercury, in the same way, and to the same extent, the buboes and shankers would often make their appearance in the same manner without the supposed disease as with. They doctor the name instead of the disorder. The patient, therefore, as often loses his life by the mercury as by the supposed disease.

Equally so in hydrophobia, by taking mercury the remedy becomes worse than the disease.

In either of the above cases, the disorder is far easier cured by a regular course of medicine than the poison given for it; as the mercury is harder to eradicate from the system than all the natural disease incident to mankind.

Since my last edition was published, the smallpox has been thoroughly attended to, and the general rule, as there laid down, found to answer every purpose and produce the desired effect. To bring out the smallpox, as in the measles and other similar disorders, be careful not to have too